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Subject: Arroyo en Medio Trail

Dear Robert - Thank you for your letter (attached) inquiring about potential solutions to improve the trail behind Vizcaya Apartments that crosses the Arroyo en Medio to get to the Plaza Entrada shopping center. The need to improve this crossing has been brought up in the past year with us, the City and the Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). As you are probably aware the trail continues on the east side of the shopping center as a wide, soft-surface trail to Zia Rd. and the paved Gail Ryba Trail. Improving this trail, including the arroyo crossing and a continuation to East Sawmill Dr., has been a "Phase A" priority in our Metropolitan Bicycle Master Plan since 2012.

I am happy to say that the City has completed many of the other Phase A projects that appeared in the Metropolitan Bicycle Master Plan in 2012. The Arroyo en Medio Trail project has come up and been discussed several times but remains on the Phase A list, currently at priority #22 among City-lead trail projects per <https://santafempo.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/BMP-Projects-Formatted-List.pdf>.

I am cc'ing City Public Works, the City Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), as well as the MPO, so that the continued need is recognized for an accessible trail that connects Vizcaya Apartments and the rest of the neighborhoods on East Sawmill to the rest of the City, including our multi-use trail system at Gail Ryba Trail. Because building a multi-use trail is capital-intensive and the City has limited capacity to take on new projects, I believe the MPO has also attempted to seek interim solutions for this trail but without any effect so far. Because the part of the trail you are referring to is on the property of Vizcaya Apartments, interim solutions such as installing a handrail would require coordination with the owner (listed as "Property America"). While the concrete crossing of the arroyo is somewhat navigable, improvement to the continuation north would in turn require working with the owners of that part of the shopping center, who are listed as Entrada Office South Condominium Association, Inc.

Perhaps others cc'd can comment on how we might be able to work together to address these needs in the long term as well as in the medium term. Thank you for reaching out to us on this issue.

Regards, Tim

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Dear Ms Sarah Voss,

My name is Robert Gonzales. I am a resident of Vizcaya Apartments, St. Francis and Sawmill Road.

We lived here since 2017. I used to walk across the arroyo to the grocery store. That foot trail is not maintained; there is no sidewalk adjacent to St. Francis between Sawmill and Zia Road. We lost scheduled bus access due to COVID19 in 2020. Bus service was restored (Route 6) on an on-demand a few years ago - that service is not reliable.

I started contacting our city council person after the erosion made walking across the arroyo dangerous. I am now 78 years old and although, I am a Vietnam era veteran, I am afraid to fall. I do take advantage of Santa Fe Ride senior service; but, rides are not always available. I do not own a car.

Is there anything that your organization can do to improve cross arroyo pedestrian access?

Steps, handrail and a more gradual slope would be a godsend, especially during the winter months. I am not the only person that would benefit.

Respectively yours,

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